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Desert Hawk Gold Corporation
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Subject: Deficient Amendment to Small Mining Operations, Desert Hawk Gold Corporation, Yellow Hammer Mine, S/045/0076, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Havenstrite:

The Division has reviewed the referenced amendment to the Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (NOI), received on November 29, 2010 and the following items will need to be addressed before the amendment can be determined complete:

1. Please show the Township, Range, Section and Quarter sections on the map. Without this information it is impossible to locate the mine.
2. North of the mine are two smaller disturbances that had not been reclaimed when the site was inspected this year. The note accompanying the latest submittal says there has been no mining in these areas, and while this is technically correct, there *is* permitted exploration disturbance that has not been released. These areas need to be included as part of the disturbed area which would make the disturbance greater than five acres. These areas can be reclaimed, or the area on the map can be decreased and these small disturbances included as part of the disturbed area. Another option would be to include them as part of the Yellow Hammer exploration project.

Please provide your response as replacement pages to your original NOI, using Form MR-REV-SMO/EXP, available on the Division's web site at www.ogm.utah.gov

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at 801-538-5261 or Leslie Heppler at 801-538-5257. In reply, please refer to file number S/045/0076. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Minerals Program Manager

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